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FM AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5431
INFO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE
AMEMBASSY ALGIERS
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AMEMBASSY MADRID
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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: A. STATE 199009; B. YAOUNDE 2237

1. ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDELAZIZ BOUTEFLIKA ARRIVED
YAOUNDE FROM LIBREVILLE ON 4 MAY AND DEPARTED ON 5TH. HE BORE A
MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO.
BOUTEFLIKA IS BELIVED TO HAVE CONVEYED A SIMILAR UNDISCLOSED
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BONGO. BOUTEFLIKA EXPRESSED THE FEELING
THAT IT IS TIME TO MAKE A DECISION ON A N EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT
TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF WESTERN SAHARA AS WAS DECIDED AT
THIRTEENTH OAU MEETING IN MAURITIUS 1976 (REFTEL A).

2. ALGERIAN CHARGE SALAH MELOUKI TOLD ME THAT BOUTEFLIKA ALSO
DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF THE CANARY ISLANDS AND ALGERIAN'S SUPPORT
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FOR THE MPAIAC. HE CLAIMED VISIT WENT WELL. INTERESTINGLY,
HE ARRIVED ONE WEEK AFTER THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER COMPLETED
HIS EXPLANATORY MISSION TO CAMEROON AND ZAIRE ON SPANISH CANARY
ISLAND POSITION. (REFTEL B).

3. COMMENT: BOUTEFLIKA FACES DIFFICULT TASK OF WINNING GURC
OVER TO ALGERIAN POINT OF VIEW ON EITHER SUBJECT GIVEN GURC'S

DISPOSITION TO GO ALONG WITH MAURITANIA, MOROCCO AND SENEGAL.

4. FINALLY, SAID BENTAMA, FIRST SECRETARY MOROCCAN EMBASSY,
CALLED EMBOFF AND IN ADDITION WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION ASKED IF WE
HAD ANY WORD AS TO WHETHER ALGEIANS WERE MOUNTING CAMPAIGN CRITICAL
OF FRENCH INTERVENTION IN AFRICA OR IF THEY WERE ATTEMPTING
POLITICIZE PAN AFRICAN GAMES SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ALGERS. OTHER
LIKELY TOPIC WHICH OCCURS TO US IS QUESTION OF POSSIBLE VISIT BY
PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE IN RETURN FOR AHIDJO STATE VISIT LAST
YEAR.
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